

BEL kickstarts Uttar Pradesh defence venture with 75 ha land allotment, invests ₹562 crore

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State-owned Bharat Electronics' (BEL) over ₹562-crore investment in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) rolled out on Wednesday with the allotment of 75 hectares in the Chitrakoot node to begin production of defence systems.

"Under this project, Bharat Electronics will establish an advanced manufacturing unit for the production of state-of-the-art radar and air defence systems with an investment of approximately ₹562.5 crore," Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said.

The UPDIC has attracted over ₹34,000 crore in investments, with ₹12,000 crore already disbursed across six

nodes covering Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Kanpur, Chitrakoot and Lucknow. As per officials, at least 62 industries have been allotted land across the six nodes for production and testing facilities. They include BrahMos Aerospace, Adani Defence and Aerospace, Aerolloy Technologies, Werywin Defence, Nitya Creations, Sankalp Safety and Amitec Electronics.

Adityanath handed over the land allotment letter to BEL Chairman and Managing Director Manoj Jain for establishing the production facility in the Chitrakoot node, which has better logistics connectivity and geographical suitability.

"This initiative will play an important role in establishing Uttar Pradesh as a strong and reliable identity in the



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field of defence manufacturing, while also accelerating the overall economic and industrial development of the Bundelkhand region," Adityanath said.

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It will not only strengthen high technology-based production in the defence sector, but also provide a new direction to the expansion of

industrial efficiency and technical capabilities in the State, an official statement said.

Consequently, there is a possibility of generating more than 300 direct employment opportunities, while largescale indirect employment will also be created in ancillary and allied sectors, opening new avenues for local youth, Adityanath said.

According to him, the move will significantly reduce migration to other regions for jobs as well as strengthen the regional economy and institutionally promote the development of technically-skilled human resources, research and innovation. In the process, it will lead to the creation of a modern industrial ecosystem in the State.